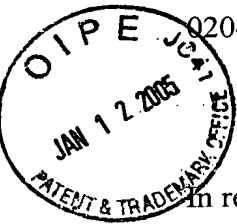


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Applicants hereby take an Extension of Time for responding to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 14, 2004, for one (1) month from December 14, 2004 to January 14, 2005.

Applicants attach a check for \$120.00 to cover the cost of filing this Extension of Time. Although Applicants believe no other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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